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MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH SYSTEM REFORM TASK FORCE
Wednesday, August 19, 2009 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 250 State Capitol

Members Present:
Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack, Senate Chair
Speaker David Clark, House Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Bradley M. Daw
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold

Members Absent:
Sen. Gregory S. Bell
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove

Staff Present:
Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Ms. Catherine J. Dupont, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Chelsea Barrett, Legislative Secretary
Mr. Benjamin Beutler, Research Assistant

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Task Force Business

Chair Killpack called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Biskupski moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Overview of Task Force Workgroup Structure

Ms. Dupont distributed and presented "2009 Health System Reform Task Force Management." She noted that this information will be available on the legislative website. She pointed out that it includes agendas and other information from the Task Force, its workgroups, and the workgroups' technical advisory groups. She explained that letters to the Task Force from the workgroup chairs addressing prioritization of issues and recommendations for the Task Force are also included.

Speaker Clark noted the launch of the Utah Health Exchange just prior to the meeting — the second operational exchange in the country — and individually thanked many of the people associated with its development.

Chair Killpack outlined a number of indicators that, if reached, will denote measurable progress in health care reform. He thanked those who have embraced the challenge to reform health care and invited those who have taken a "wait and see" approach to participate in a more meaningful manner.

3. Reports from Workgroups

Mr. Dan Schuyler, Utah Office of the Consumer Health Services, introduced the three companies with whom the Office has contracted to provide technology solutions for the Utah Health Exchange.

Mr. Raymond Seaver, Executive Vice President, bswift, explained that bswift is providing technology and services related to the defined contribution portion of the Utah Health Exchange. The technology will allow employers to register to participate in the exchange and employees to supply family and

personal health information for purposes of risk adjusting. The technology will also allow employees to shop for health plans that best meet their needs and preferences.

Mr. Steve Neeleman, Chief Executive Officer, HealthEquity, presented and distributed "HealthEquity: We Help People Build Healthcare Savings." He explained HealthEquity's background, its role with the Utah Health Exchange, and its service commitment and ratings.

Mr. Sam Gibbs, Senior Vice President, eHealthInsurance, spoke about products available through eHealthInsurance. eHealthInsurance is a contractor for the Utah Health Exchange.

Dr. Marcy Zwelling, MD, indicated that patients should be shown respect by allowing them to choose their doctors and care strategies, by allowing them to control the privacy of their medical records, and by allowing them to contract directly with their care providers. She proposed that providers post their retail prices for procedures, that insurers post what they are willing to reimburse for procedures, and that patients be allowed to privately contract with providers and pay the differences.

Rep. Dunnigan discussed the Oversight and Implementation Workgroup's progress this summer. He reviewed two handouts, "Utah Health Exchange High Level Milestone Dates" and "Projected Process for Continuing Enrollment in the Defined Contribution Market," and answered questions.

Mr. Mark Brown, Chair, Utah Defined Contribution Risk Adjuster Board, distributed and discussed "Risk Adjuster Update." He said that the board is focusing on risk normalization, not financial equalization, is trying to simplify wherever possible, and is looking for ways to be more effective and efficient so that in the end the defined contribution market is not simply providing the same products as outside the exchange but at a higher price. He indicated that the Board is working with HealthEquity to figure out how to automatically calculate risk and adjust insurer payments on a monthly basis. He pointed out that this will allow for employer groups to enter the exchange anytime during the year, even though doing so is not currently allowed.

Mr. Brown said the Board is working to develop a retrospective risk adjuster for shock claims that is not based on condition. He also said that the board is working to balance the risk within the exchange with the risk outside the exchange so that the exchange does not become a dumping ground for risk.

Mr. Schuyler reported on the development of the quality measurement features of the exchange.

Rep. Dunnigan recommended moving earlier by one week the deadline for carriers receiving money from the exchange to ensure that carriers are able to print insurance identification cards in time for patients to use them January 1, 2010. Rep. Dunnigan also indicated that if the Task Force decides to allow for open enrollment in the exchange, legislation will be needed to accomplish that.

Rep. Last and Sen. Knudson reported on the work of the Transparency, Quality, and Infrastructure Workgroup. They gave an update on the implementation of the electronic exchange of clinical health information (cHIE), the implementation of the all-payer database, and the development of payment and delivery reform demonstration projects. They also discussed priorities for the remainder of the interim.

4. Federal Health Care Reform

Mr. Andrews distributed and briefly discussed "Federal Health Care Reform—Summaries of Proposals" and "Federal Health Care Reform—Bagels and Briefings for Legislators, August 19, 2009."

5. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Killpack adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.